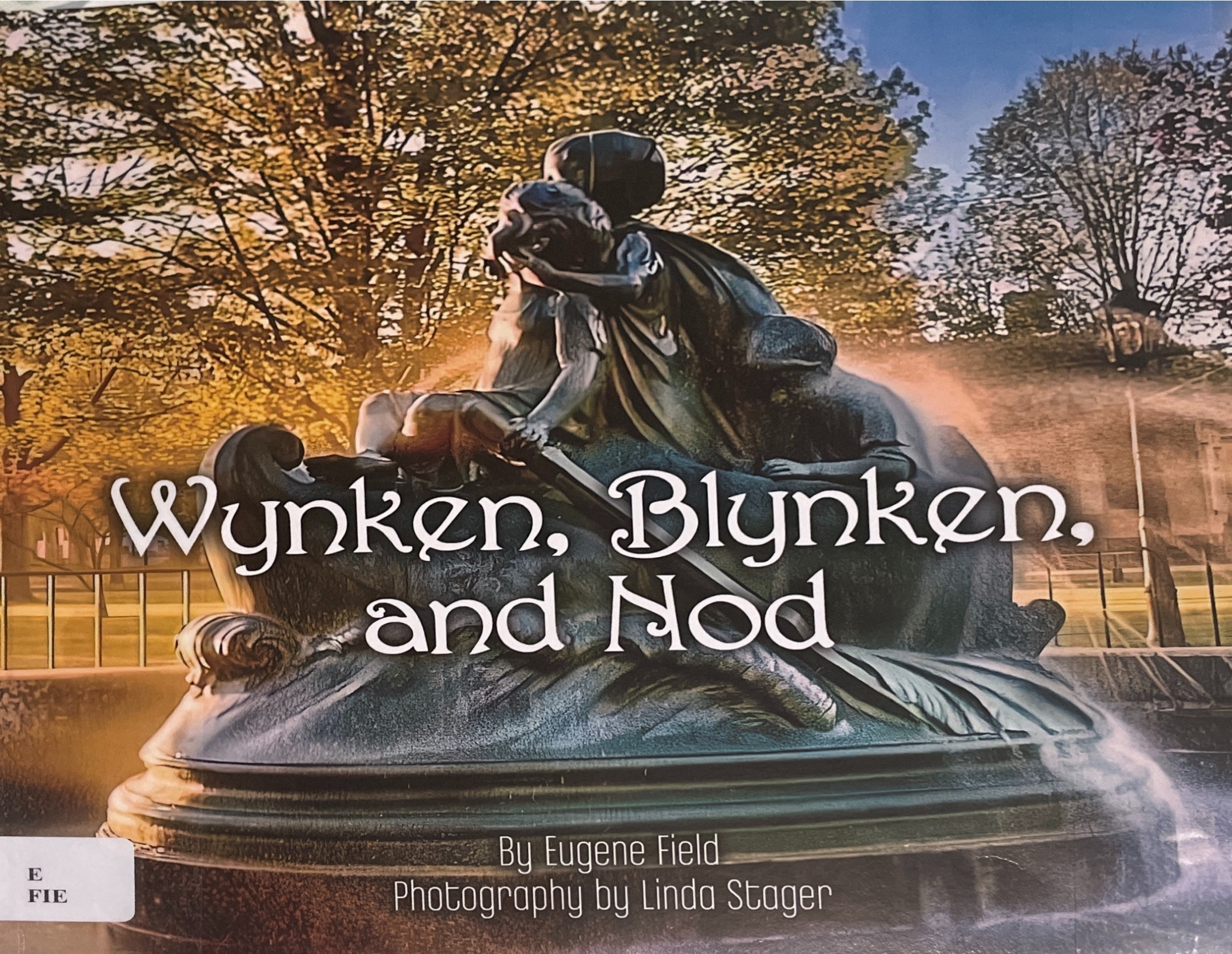

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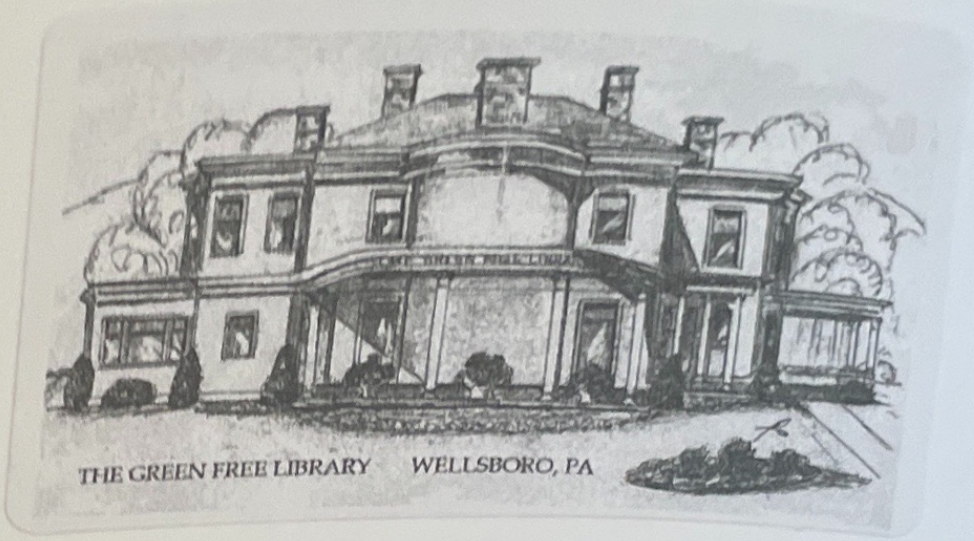
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Enjoy Wellsboro

Wynken Blynken, and Nod one night
sailed off in a wooden shoe –

Sailed on a river of crystal light,
into a sea of dew.

"Where are you going, and what do you wish?"
the old moon asked the three.
"We have come to fish for the herring fish
that live in this beautiful sea;
Nets of silver and gold have we!"
said Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

The old moon laughed and sang a song,
as they rocked in the wooden shoe,

And the wind that sped them all night long
ruffled the waves of dew.

The little stars were the herring fish
that lived in that beautiful sea –

"Now cast your nets wherever you wish -
never afraid are we";
So cried the stars to the fishermen three:
Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

All night long their nets they threw
to the stars in the twinkling foam –

Then down from the skies came the wooden shoe,
bringing the fishermen home;

'Twas all so pretty a sail, it seemed
as if it could not be,
And some folks thought 'twas a dream they'd dreamed
of sailing that beautiful sea –
But I shall name you the fishermen three:
Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

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Wynken and Blynken are two little eyes,
and Nod is a little head,
And the wooden shoe that sailed the skies
is a wee one's trundle bed.

So shut your eyes while Mother sings
of wonderful sights that be,
And you shall see the beautiful things
as you rock in the misty sea,

Where the old shoe rocked the fishermen three:
Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

About the Author

Known as the children's poet, **Eugene Field** was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1850 and died in 1895. He is considered the first newspaper columnist in the United States, and wrote over 500 poems and short stories, mostly about children.

Field idealized childhood and believed it was a precious time to be spent using one's imagination. He filled his work with his memories and feelings, so if you know the poems, you know the man.

You may remember pieces of his poems from your own childhood. Even now, those poems sing to the hearts of readers.

I remember standing on the Green in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, listening to the gurgle of a fountain, and imagining sailing off in a wooden shoe on a wave of dew.

About the Photographer

Wellsboro, Pennsylvania resident **Linda Stager** is an award-winning author, outdoor writer, and photographer. She is a Tioga Publishing Company Landmarks Award recipient for using photography to promote the Tioga County area.

Her photographs can be seen in various tourism and travel brochures and on a variety of magazine covers. Her photos have been featured in *Mountain Home Magazine* and several of her "Back of the Mountain" photos have won Keystone Press Awards.

She is also a Critics Choice Award winner of the PA Parks and Forests Foundation. She is author of the award-winning *The Pine Creek Rail Trail Guidebook*, showcasing the Pine Creek Rail Trail, a 62-mile trail that starts in Wellsboro. Her book is "Strongly Recommend"-approved by *Pennsylvania Magazine*.

Linda, a retired social worker, is self-taught but has graciously been mentored by professionals of the Grand Canyon Photography Club.

Her personal Facebook Page (under Linda Stager) serves as a blog and photo gallery. She is also featured on Instagram.com on the page "Linda Stager". Her Flickr.com page is LINDA STAGER.

She is a proud member of the Wilds Cooperative of PA. She frequently collaborates with the PA Wilds on her Instagram page.

Wynken, Blynken, & Nod and Wellsboro

The statue of Wynken, Blynken, & Nod was created by Colorado artist Mabel Landrum in the early 1920s. The mayor of Denver, Robert W. Speer, admired the original work so much, that he commissioned the artist to sculpt one in marble for Washington Park in Denver, Colorado.

The original bronze statue was donated by Fred Bailey in honor of his wife, Elizabeth Cameron Bailey. The statue was placed in her memory on Wellsboro's Green, where it has remained since its dedication on Friday, September 23, 1938.

For more information about Wellsboro and the surrounding area visit:

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This edition of *Wynken, Blynken & Nod* is published by Kevin Coolidge & *From My Shelf Books & Gifts*. Kevin Coolidge is currently the author of fifteen children's books and the creator of *The Totally Ninja Raccoons*. He's available for school presentations from kindergarten to 5th grade. Presentations include providing information on the writing process and encouraging fun in literacy.

He's especially good with kids, but is open to speaking with other groups as well. As a bookstore owner, Kevin can talk about books, small business, literacy, and most aspects of popular culture, in addition to his books. He resides in Wellsboro, PA, just a short hike from the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

When he's not writing, you can find him at *From My Shelf Books & Gifts*, an independent bookstore he runs with his lovely wife, Kasey; several helpful employees; and two friendly bookstore cats.

From My Shelf Books & Gifts is located in beautiful, small-town Wellsboro, PA. We're proud to be a customer-centered, independently-owned bookstore. Our knowledgeable staff and eclectic, ever-changing inventory has garnered us praise from big-city visitors and fellow small-town dwellers alike.

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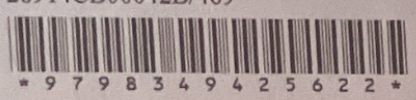

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